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SUBJECT: DIFFICULTIES OF US BUSINESSMAN

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED SITUATION IN DETAIL WITH DAVID PITTAWAY JULY 11, 12, AND SEVERAL TIMES WITH GOM. PITTAWAY TOLD EMBASSY HE PREVIOUSLY EXPORTED "FLOUR SACK" PANTS AND SHIRTS (MADE FROM LOCAL COTTON FLOUR SACKS) TO US AND HAD NO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING GOM AUTHORIZATION.

2. GOM TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIAL STATES THAT PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS WERE SMALL AND PITTAWAY TOLD GOM ITEMS WERE FOR PERSONAL USE. AS A COURTESY GOM AUTHORIZED SHIPMENTS THIS BASIS EXEMPT FROM COTTON EXPORT QUOTAS.

3. WHEN PITTAWAY APPLIED FOR EXPORT QUOTA ALLOTMENT FOR SHIPMENT OF 2,000 DOZEN, WHICH IS CONSIDERED COMMERCIAL QUANTITY SIZE SHIPMENT, GOM ADVISED HIM THAT REMAINDER QUOTA ALLOCATED TO AUGUST 31, END OF QUOTA YEAR. US QUOTAS ARE ALLOTTED BY GOM BEGINNING EACH QUOTA YEAR, THUS APPLICABLE QUOTA ALREADY ALLOTTED TO AUGUST 31. PITTAWAY INFORMED EMBASSY HE FAILED TO CHECK WHETHER QUOTA ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO CONTRACTING FOR MANUFACTURE APPAREL ITEMS.

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RM PITTAWAY TOLD EMBASSY THAT GOM WILLING CLASSIFY FLOUR SACK CLOTHES AS WORK CLOTHES IF EMBASSY ADVISES GOM WE HAVE NO OBJECTION. PITTAWAY REQUESTED EMBASSY MAKE SUCH STATEMENT TO GOM.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES CLOTHING ITEMS ARE CLEARLY COTTON PANTS AND SHIRTS AND SUBJECT TO COTTON QUOTA. PITTAWAY DESCRIBES APPAREL AS FAST SELLING "FAD" ITEMS WORN BY YOUNG PEOPLE. EMBASSY ADVISED PITTAWAY IT COULD NOT MAKE STATEMENT TO GOM AND THAT IF GOM WILLING GRANT ALTERNATE CLASSIFICATION, PITTAWAY MUST MAKE OWN DECISION WHETHER SHIP ITEMS AND RUN RISK GOODS BEING STOPPED BY US CUSTOMS.

6. WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE EMBASSY OPINION, GOM SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED EMBASSY THEY CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE COTTON PANTS AND SHIRTS AND SUBJECT TO QUOTA. GOM HAS GIVEN PITTAWAY AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT TWO OTHER APPAREL ITEMS MADE FROM SAME MATERIAL.

7. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE PITTAWAY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY GOM. PITTAWAY STATED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT GOM VERY HELPFUL AND FAIR TO HIM. PITTAWAY CONTINUING ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH GOM, WHICH ADVISES EMBASSY THEY ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT SOME SOLUTION WITH HIM.
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